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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION MOSCOW, INFO ISLAMABAD, OCT 24, FROM
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 234729

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SUBJECT: JOINT STATEMENT FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT TO
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FOR ATHERTON FROM SOBER

1. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT CHANGE PROPOSED IN PARA 6 REFTL
BY GOP TO DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT WILL BE READ IN KABUL AS
DIRECT U.S. SLAP AT AFGHANISTAN. WE WOULD PROPOSE AS
ALTERNATIVE THAT WE SPLIT THE TWO SENTENCES AND FOLD THEM
INTO PARA 3 OF DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT IN A WAY THAT WOULD
MAKE THE POINT THE GOP WANTS BUT THAT WOULD BE LESS IRRI-
TATING IN CONTEXT OF U.S.-AFGHAN RELATIONS. OUR SUGGESTED
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REDRAFT OF PARA 3 OF JOINT STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: THE PRIME MINISTER REVIEWED WITH THE SECRETARY THE EFFORTS THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN HAS MADE TO RESTORE PEACE AND BOLSTER STABILITY IN THE SOUTH ASIAN REGION. HE ALSO INFORMED THE SECRETARY OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN RELATIONS. THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED U.S. ADMIRATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S EFFORTS TO NORMALIZE PAKISTAN'S RELATIONS WITH STATES IN THE AREA. HE TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE VISITS HE HAD RECENTLY COMPLETED TO NEW DELHI AND DACCA HAD HEIGHTENED HIS AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NORMALIZATION PROCESS AND HIS

CONFIDENCE IN ITS CONTINUED PROGRESS. HE EXPRESSED HIS PARTICULAR SATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRESS PAKISTAN AND INDIA HAD MADE IN MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER TOWARD THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE 1972 SIMLA AGREEMENT. THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE SECRETARY AGREED THAT MUTUAL RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS WAS ESSENTIAL FOR PEACEFUL RELATIONS AMONG ALL STATES. END QUOTE.

3. WE HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH OTHER CHANGES SUGGESTED BY GOP AND RECOMMEND THEIR INCLUSION. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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